

MOTION BY SUPERVISOR MICHAEL D. ANTONOVICH

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The Los Angeles County Registrar-Recorder is in the unprecedented position of conducting two elections within one month--the Statewide Recall October 7 and the County's Uniform District Elections November 4--while it transitions from its 35-year-old punch card to the interim Inka-Vote system.

As Conny McCormack indicated at last Tuesday's Board Meeting, a high voter turnout is expected and they are faced with the difficulties of recruiting experienced pollworkers in the abbreviated time line provided to prepare for the October 7 Statewide Special Election.

I, THEREFORE, MOVE THAT THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS:

1. Postpone the regularly scheduled October 7, 2003 Board of Supervisors' Meeting until Wednesday, October 8, 2003 to (a) allow Department Heads and their employees to participate in the County Pollworker Program for the Statewide Special Election and (b) to encourage Board of Supervisors staff to assist in the Election.

2. Instruct the CAO to remind Department Heads of their commitment to participate in the County Pollworker Program as one of their MAPP goals with a request that department heads recruit experienced pollworkers from their staff to travel and serve in hard-to-recruit precincts

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3. Approve the enhancement of a Split-Shift Option for County Employee Pollworkers, which allows all County Employee Pollworkers, including Fair Labor Standards Act non-exempt employees, to split a pollworker stipend as community-based pollworkers do.

4. Approve the practice of allowing County Employees to receive training bonuses even when training occurs on County time. Pursuant to Government Code 26227, the Board has authority to authorize a County program which provides training on County work time in County work sites because the provision of qualified pollworkers facilitates efficient and fair elections and thus helps meet the social needs of the County population.

5. Direct that the Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk immediately provide to each Department Head lists of the 2417 County Pollworkers who served in November 2002 with the placement status of each. Further direct Department Personnel Officers to facilitate distribution of County Pollworker Applications to experienced County Pollworkers who have not yet provided information on their willingness to serve in October 2003 and encourage quick turnaround in obtaining supervisor signatures of approval where lacking.

6. Direct that the Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk continue the process of giving County Employee Pollworkers "Proof of Service Cards" for supervisors to verify that employees reported to their poll location on Election Day as well as providing Department-specific post-election service reports.

7. Direct the Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk to establish a Roving Troubleshooter Program to allow high-level County managers and new County Employee Pollworkers to observe, troubleshoot and report any problems to a designated hotline number or comment on the smooth operation of visited polls.

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